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J. F. FORD, Evangelist.
of Des Moines, Iowa, writes under date of March 20, 1893:
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Gentlemen:
On arriving home last week, I found all well and anxiously awaiting. Our little girl, eight and one-half years old, who had wasted away to 39 pounds, is now well, strong and vigorous, and well fleshed up. S. B. Cough Cure has done its work well. Both of the children like it. Your S. B. Cough Cure has cured and kept away all hoarseness from me. So give it to every one, with greetings for all. Wishing you prosperity, we are
Yours, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Ford.
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HE IS ANSWERED

Fords Views on the Extra Session.

THINKS A CALAMITY PROBABLE.

Fatal Accident—A French Opinion—The Faxon Explosion.

The following is Mr. Ford's letter in response to Governor Penney's request for his opinion on the advisability of calling an extra session, and also for citation bearing on the present laws for protection of debtors:

"Your favor of the 14th instant duly received and contents carefully noted. In answering I have to say that the principles of the proposed stay law are correct, but you will find on examination of our statutes that we already have laws which serve very well for the protection of debtors, and to attempt to call an extra session of the legislature at the present time might be productive of more harm than good, by creating an alarm among some of the people now holding judgments, decrees and overdue claims, which might cause them to commence immediate proceedings to enforce collections; whereas, if things are allowed to remain as they are no attempt will be made to enforce collections, but on the contrary the holders will allow these judgments, decrees and overdue claims to drift along until times are better and money easier to obtain. Besides, congress may do something to relieve the present financial stringency.

"It is certain that debtors cannot now obtain money to pay off large demands, a fact well known to creditors, and for this reason but very few suits or actions have been brought during the past three months. Since the June term of the circuit court it is a very noticeable fact that not a single mortgage foreclosure suit has been commenced in this (Marion) county. The business men of all classes seem to realize that this is no time for the accumulation of extra costs on present indebtedness, but that every one should make an honest effort to help along in every possible way until the present financial stringency is past, which can only be brought about through wise legislation on the part of congress.

"We already have a homestead law which gives every farmer a home of the value of \$1,500, and not exceeding 160 acres in extent, as exempt from attachment and execution. See 1893 session laws, page 93.

"Every householder can also own personal property of the aggregate value of from \$1,200 to \$1,500, which is exempt from attachment and execution. See code, page 353.

"If any creditor should be mean enough to attempt to either attach or levy upon this exempt property to enforce the payment of his claim the owner has it in his power to easily defeat the proceedings without losing either the possession or use of his property; unless the sheriff should be a mean fellow, in which case he might be deprived of his possession for a short time, but the sheriff would be compelled to answer in damages for such wrongful conduct, and courts and juries can always be depended upon to do justice and award ample damages against the officer, and in favor of the injured householder, in every such case. See laws commencing on page 258 of code.

"Again, if a debtor own property which is not exempt from attachment and attempt is made to cause it to be sold at a sacrifice in consequence of the stringency of the present money market, or for any other cause, he can easily and cheaply make a general assignment which will dissolve the attachment and prevent a sacrifice of the property. See laws commencing page 1408 of code.

"In view of the present laws which we have upon the subject I certainly think it would be unwise to attempt to call an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of enacting only the one year stay law, and especially when we consider the fact that it would cost about \$25,000 to hold the extra session. But, while extra sessions are not to be generally favored, yet if you could prevail upon the members to agree to meet in extra session and re-enact the mortgage tax law, and repeal the jute mill law, and a few other expensive laws passed by the last legislature, and then go home without any other legislation, I think the people might in this way be greatly benefited by being relieved of unnecessary taxation."

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"There is no possibility that the fireman let the water go down, for the fuse in the boiler, which fortunately we found, was not touched. The engineer had less than 110 pounds of steam on at the time, as the boat was coming down stream and there was no necessity for carrying much steam. Just before the explosion the fireman and engineer had tried the water and noted the steam pressure and found everything all right. Inspector McDermott says the boiler was one of the best in the country. Last winter, when he inspected it, he cut out a piece of plate and found no evidence of its having wasted a particle. The explosion was one of those unaccountable affairs which scientists even cannot explain.

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PORTLAND'S SUSPENDED BANKS

Chamber of Commerce Authorized to Examine the Books.

Controller Eckels has authorized the chamber of commerce officials to examine the books of the suspended Oregon banks, that the citizens may know that there is no attempt at conclusion to cover up the actual condition they are in or the value of the paper held as assets, and to sit at rest sensational reports concerning these institutions.

There is no truth in the report circulated yesterday that D. P. Thompson had resigned as receiver of the Portland Savings bank. Frank Dekum says he is willing to pledge his last dollar that depositors of the Portland Savings will be paid in full. This will be satisfactory to many of the stockholders, but some insist that Thompson should do the same to make his guarantee secure. The deposits of the bank still continue to be meetings and discuss measures for the protection of their interests.

The Science of Freezing.

The production of artificial cold says a scientific writer has during the last 15 years become quite an important industry. "Freezing machines" are now among the permanent requisites of civilized life. The refrigeration of perishable articles of food for transportation by ship stands first on the list of commercial applications of the science. The problem was first solved by the construction of the Bell-Coleman air machine, and apparatus so well thought out and perfected that in its first trial a cargo of meat of the value of \$8,000 was transported across the Atlantic in a perfectly fresh condition.

In the cold air freezing machines now employed on board ships for the transportation of meat from Australia, New Zealand and America the meat is placed in large chambers, the walls of which are double, the interspace being filled with wood charcoal as a non-conducting material. A jet of intensely cold air is delivered into the chamber at each stroke of the piston of the expansion cylinder, and the temperature of the chamber is thus kept at or near the freezing point during the whole voyage.

O'Flaherty and the Bull.

A few days ago a supposed dead bull was seen lying by the side of the track on the west end division of the Northern Pacific. The matter was promptly reported to the superintendent's office here and he in turn sent out an order instructing section foreman Thomas O'Flaherty to remove the dead animal. Shortly afterwards a reply was received which distinguished Mr. O'Flaherty as a man of superior tact, although his rhetorical powers have doubtless been sadly neglected. Mr. O'Flaherty's epistle runs as follows:

"The Supt. Sir, The bull that was killed by the train was not killed, but she died from eating two much buckeyes and ain't dead yet, but I will bury him to-morrow. Answer if I shall skinned him. Thos. O'Flaherty, Sec. Foreman, Missoula (Mont), Democrat.

In Unity is Strength.

Here is how the Seattle banks held their own according to the Portland Welcome: The banks in Seattle formed a union, through which all the lock boxes in the safe deposit vaults were bought up and it was agreed that if one bank would be forced to close that they all immediately do the same, and if a deposit was drawn from a bank, and the party withdrawing such money should wish to deposit it in some other bank, such bank and all others, would refuse the deposit, thus forcing the depositor to return to his own bank or hide his funds away.